Development of Kalaw, upgrading of Meiktila-Kalaw-Taunggyi Road inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 13 May—Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence together with Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Yar Pyae and officials on 10 May visited Inbyin Nursery of Forest Department in Kalaw.

After hearing reports on work progress presented by the director of Forest Department and officials, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing called for systematic conservation of natural forests and collaborative efforts between officials and local people to reestablish forests, and inspected nurturing of saplings at the nursery.

At the People’s Hospital in Kalaw, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing comforted patients and presented medicines for the hospital through officials.

Next, he looked into storage of water at Yayaye Lake and maintenance of the lake. Then he stressed the need to store more water in the lake.

While overseeing progress in road works between Mile Post Nos 64/3 and 40, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing gave instructions on timely completion of work meeting set standards.

At Yinnapin briefing hall, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing heard reports on upgrading of Meiktila-Kalaw-Taunggyi Road and work progress presented by officials and gave necessary instructions. —MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 13 May — Groups that have been granted to from political parties are submitting their applications to register as political parties to the Union Election Commission. The Democracy and Peace Party submitted the application to register as a political party to the Union Election Commission today. Of application-submitted groups, the Commission has found the Pa-O National Organization (PNO) to be in accord with the Political Parties Registration Law and Rules and thus the Commission passed the registration of the party on 13 May.

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Union Election Commission issues Notification No. 42/2010

NAY PYI TAW, 13 May — The Union Election Commission issued Notification No. 42/2010 today. The translation of the notification is as follows:-

The Union of Myanmar
Union Election Commission
Nay Pyi Taw
Notification No. 42/2010
1st Waxing of Nayon, 1372 ME
13 May 2010

Permission granted to Pa-O National Organization to register as political party

The Union Election Commission granted permission to the Pa-O National Organization with its headquarters at No. 18 on West Circular Road in Zaypaing Ward, Taunggyi, Shan State, to register in accord with the Article 9 of the Political Parties Registration Law as of 13 May 2010.

The registration number of the Pa-O National Organization is (5).

By Order,

Sd/ Win Ko
Secretary
Union Election Commission

Applications for registration of political parties scrutinized, passed

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**Preserve water resources for long-term use**

As a Myanmar saying goes: water is more valuable than money, it is invaluable. Every living being needs adequate amount of water for daily consumption.

While carrying out the construction of dams, river water pumping stations, underground water tapping works and supply of water in the regions facing shortage of water, the government is sinking many tube-wells in the rural regions as part of efforts to implement the rural water supply project.

Many tube-wells have been sunk in States and Divisions in order to sufficiently supply clean water to the rural areas facing water scarcity. Up to now, a total of 14,979 villages enjoy clean drinking water.

As water is essential for all the living beings, the people should use water in a systematic way. All the people are to work in concert for storage of clean water conscientiously.

Some countries facing shortage of water import drinking water for their public consumption spending a large sum of foreign currency. Therefore, Myanmar blessed with rich water and land resources should utilize the existing water resources in a systematic way.

It is incumbent upon all the people of Myanmar to dutifully maintain the durability of dams, reservoirs and tube-wells built by the government by minimizing loss and wastage.

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**Expense for liver valve substitution paid to insured worker**

**YANGON, 13 May—**On his tour of Workers’ Hospital on 3 May, Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi comforted patients with eye surgery and fulfilled the requirements of the hospital.

The minister presented K 2 million as expense for surgical operation to substitute the valve at heart to U Kyaw Wai from Kyangin Cement Plant who insured himself at Social Security Board.

The Social Security Board of the Ministry of Labour repaid costs to the insured workers for medical treatments at other hospitals except Workers’ Hospitals.—MNA

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**Public announcement for remonstration**

1. The Kayin Peoples Party (KPP), headquartered at No. 51 on Tawwin Road in Ward 3 of Shwepyitha Township, Yangon Division, on 12-5-2010 submitted its applications for registration as a political party under Article-5 of Political Parties Registration Law. In its application, it is mentioned that the party will use its name, flag and seal described hereunder.

   ![Flag of the Kayin Peoples Party (KPP)](image1)

   ![Seal of the Kayin Peoples Party (KPP)](image2)

2. It is hereby announced in accord with Political Parties Registration Rules 14 (d) that if there is anyone who wants to remonstrate about the name, flag and seal of the party, they may remonstrate with the Union Election Commission with firm evidence within seven days from the day of the announcement.

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**Public announcement for remonstration**

1. The “Wa” National Unity Party, headquartered at No. 17 on Byuha Road in Region 2 of Ward 1 in Lashio, Shan State, on 12-5-2010 submitted its applications for registration as a political party under Article-5 of Political Parties Registration Law. In its application, it is mentioned that the party will use its name, flag and seal described hereunder.

   ![Flag of the “Wa” National Unity Party](image3)

   ![Seal of the “Wa” National Unity Party](image4)

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**Public announcement for remonstration**

1. The Union Kayin League, headquartered at No. 1 in Saw Tay Lane, U Lu Ni Road in Kayin Amyotha Ward of Kyimyindine Township, Yangon Division, in its application to Union Election Commission on 10-4-2010 for registration as an existed party issued its name, flag and seal in the dailies as public announcement for remonstration.

2. The Central Committee for Organizing the Kayin National New Year Festival (Maha Yangon) remonstrated about the flag of the league on 15-4-2010. After the scrutiny work, the UEC founded that it is inappropriate for Union Kayin League to use the flag any more. Therefore, the Commission summoned the UKL members and asked them to amend the party flag in line with the law and rules.

3. It is hereby announced in accord with Political Parties Registration Rules 14 (d) that if there is anyone who wants to remonstrate about the amended flag and seal of the party, they may remonstrate with the Union Election Commission with firm evidence within seven days from the day of the announcement.

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**Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi presents expense for surgical operation at valve of heart to the patient.**—MNA
Five killed, 19 injured in Baghdad bombings

BAGHDAD, 13 May—Five people were killed and 19 wounded in two bomb attacks in Baghdad overnight and Thursday morning, an Interior Ministry source said.

Three people were killed and 11 wounded when a parked car bomb ripped through the Shiite bastion of Sadr City neighbourhood in eastern Baghdad to midnight on Wednesday, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

Sadr City is a heavily populated Shiite neighbourhood and is the main stronghold for Mahdi Army militia loyal to radical cleric Moqtada al-Sadr.

On Thursday morning, a roadside bomb struck a police patrol near the Ghazi Interchange on the eastern side of Tigris River in central Baghdad, destroying a police vehicle and wounding three policemen aboard, the source said.

Two traffic policemen and three civilians who were close to the scene were also wounded by the blast, he added.

Waves of violence and sporadic attacks continue in the Iraqi cities more than two months after the country held its landmark parliamentary election which was widely expected to shape the political landscape of the war-torn country.

On Monday, Iraq saw its bloodiest day in the year after a wave of bomb attacks across the country killed at least 114 people and wounded hundreds. Xinhua

Afghan forces detain 40 militants

KANDAHAR, 13 May—Afghan and NATO-led troops during operation against Taleban fighters in the southern Helmand Province on Wednesday night arrested 40 insurgents, spokesman for provincial administration Daud Ahmadi said on Thursday.

Two injured in vehicle blast in north Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 13 May—Two people were injured in a vehicle blast in north Pakistan’s city of Chitral on Thursday morning, a local TV channel reported.

The blast destroyed the vehicle and injured two people including a member of the Chitral Bar Association in the northern areas of the country, according to the private TV Express.

Chitral Bar Association (CBA) boycotted local courts protesting the early morning blast, local sources said. —Xinhua

Two blasts occur in prison building in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 13 May—Two blasts occurred in a prison building under construction in northwest Pakistan’s city of Hangu on Thursday morning, a local TV reported. Prior to this report, at least nine people including three policemen reportedly injured during a jail protest which broke out this morning in another city of Peshawar in northwest Pakistan. —Xinhua

26 militants killed in N Afghanistan

KUNDUZ, 13 May—Twenty six Taleban and al-Qaeda fighters were killed in Afghanistan’s northern Kunduz Province on Wednesday night, police chief of Kunduz province Abdul Razig Yaqubi said Thursday.

“Taleban security forces backed by international troops raided militants hideouts in Gur Tipa village outside provincial capital Kunduz city late Wednesday night as a result 26 militants loyal to Taleban and al-Qaeda network were killed,” Yaqubi told Xinhua.

The provincial police chief also confirmed that four suicide vests and a handful of weapons were found by combined forces during the operation.

Taleban militants have yet to make any comment.

Meanwhile, residents in the area said over 20 militants were killed in the operation lasted for several hours. Gur Tipa in western edge of Kunduz city has been regarded as the stronghold of Taliban militants in the province.

Taleban militants whose regime was toppled in late 2001 have vowed to speed up their activities this year in Afghanistan. —Xinhua

Pakistan security officials stand guard near a burning oil tanker near the Pakistan-Afghanistan border on Wednesday, on 12 May, 2010, in Pakistan. A bomb ripped through the oil tanker carrying supplies for NATO forces based in Afghanistan, killing a passer-by. —Xinhua

Civilians voice concerns over upcoming operation on Taleban in S Afghanistan

KANDAHAR, 13 May—As the US-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) is set to launch a major operation in June on the Taleban in Afghanistan’s southern Kandahar Province, civilians of the province voiced their concerns.

A local construction company manager who was speaking at a suicide bombing site on Wednesday in the city center of Kandahar, capital of the province, said that the upcoming operation will surely trigger more retaliation actions from the Taleban. Last month, the city experienced three major terror attacks leaving dozens of civilians killed and injured. “My company is doing rebuilding of this bombing site but I do wish there would be less business like this,” said the manager, insisting on using only one name of Zahir.

Stricter security checking was witnessed in the city of a population of 450,000.

Police personnel at the Shahidan Chowk, or Shahidan Square, was seen checking vehicle trunks for weapons and explosive materials. —Xinhua
First proof that chemicals from seaweeds damage coral on contact

While competition between seaweed and coral is just one of many factors affecting the decline of coral reefs worldwide, this chemical threat may provide a serious setback to efforts aimed at repopulating damaged reefs. Seaweed products are normally kept in check by herbivorous fish, but in many areas overfishing has reduced the populations of these plant consumers, allowing seaweeds to overpopulate coral reefs.

A study documenting the chemical effects of seaweeds on corals was scheduled to be published on 10 May, 2010 in the early edition of the journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS). The research was supported by the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, and the Teasley Endowments at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Scientists better prepared to judge ash cloud

By knowing how much ash is spewed from the volcano, scientists can map the way the cloud will spread depending on the wind, Pierre Flamant from a meteorological laboratory near Paris explained.

During the air traffic chaos in mid-April, "there was an error in calculating ash emissions at the source", Gian Paolo Gobbi from Italy’s institute of atmospheric science said. "The Icelanders were not so well prepared when it came to measuring this," and the flaw subsequently skewed computer modelling of the plume, he said.

But a German team carried out its own measurements of the output from Eyjafjoll volcano in early May, and this has given scientists a better fix.

In an eruption event measuring three tonnes per second, many of the heaviest particles fall back down again within seven hours of being emitted. — Internet

Space centre abuzz over Atlantis’ last launch

CAPE CANAVERAL, 13 May—NASA is getting hit up for extra launch passes, and mission stickers and pins are flying off the shelf. Another Twittering crowd is descending on the space centre. Even science fiction writers want in on the action.

Welcome to space shuttle Atlantis’ 32nd and final voyage.

When Atlantis blasts off — show time is 2:20 p.m. Friday — only two more missions will remain before the shuttle programme ends. Besides equipment for the International Space Station, Atlantis holds two big tool bins that are crammed full of shuttle and station memorabilia: flags, medallions, book marks and the like. Three miles from the pad, the firing room where launch controllers will give one final “go” is decorated with photos of Atlantis’s launching, flying in space and landing over the past 25 years. The location includes patches from each mission, including the last, which depicts Atlantis sailing into the sunset.

Phantom Ray’ robot stealth jet rolls out

WASHINGTON, 13 May—US arms’ aerospace goliath Boeing yesterday held a public unveiling of its “Phantom Ray” jet-fighter sized robot stealth plane. The firm has no customer for the Phantom Ray, which is intended to fly by the end of the year, but evidently Boeing executives consider that it would be fatal to be left behind in the military robot race. The Phantom Ray, which has been previously menti-oned by Boeing, is a product of the giant corporation’s advanced projects division, the so-called “Phantom Works”.

We’re really excited about this because Phantom Works is back as a rapid prototyping house, operation and organization,” said Craig Brown, Boeing Phantom Ray programme manager. “This is the first of what I expect to be many exciting prototypes, and they’re all with exciting technology.”

Mom’s voice just as comforting as a hug

SCIENCE DAILY, 13 May—Moms can bring comfort, even at a distance, a new study finds. The results show simply hearing mom’s voice over the phone works just as well at calming nerves of stressed children as does a real-life pat on the shoulder. The soothing effect is likely due to the release of the hormone oxytocin in the brain, the researchers say. This “love hormone” is known to quell stress, and is likely involved in social bonding, including that between a mother and a child. Previous work has revealed this hormone was released during physical contact from mom. “But it’s clear from these results that a mother’s voice can have the same effect as a hug, even if they’re not standing there,” said study researcher Leslie Seltzer, a biological anthropologist at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

A NASA technician does a final check-up as Space Shuttle Atlantis prepares to being rolled out of NASA’s vehicle assembly to its launch pad at Kennedy Space Centre in Cape Canaveral, Florida. The 32nd and final voyage for Atlantis will take six astronauts to the orbiting space research facility, delivering an integrated cargo carrier and a Russian-built mini research module. — Internet

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Alex Holbert, 5, of Long Beach, Mississippi plays in the sand at the beach while spending time with his family in Long Beach, Mississippi on 12 May, 2010. Fishing and tourism throughout the gulf coast are being threatened due to the recent Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.— INTERNET

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Caffeine helps shift workers avoid mistakes

LONDON, 13 May — A new review suggests that caffeine consumption can help night-shift workers avoid making mistakes.

At least 15 percent of workers in industrialized countries are thought to be engaged in shift work or permanent nighttime work, which can disrupt their body clocks. Some suffer from shift-work disorder, in which they only sleep for short periods of time and become sleepy on the job, boosting the risk of errors, the researchers explained.

In the review, released online on 12 May in the Cochrane Library, researchers looked at 13 studies into the effects of caffeine on shift-work performance. Most of the studies, however, only simulated the workplace.

The reviewers found that caffeine appeared to do a better job of preventing errors than naps or the placebo, and also improved performance in areas such as memory, attention, perception and reasoning.

“It seems reasonable to assume that reduced errors are associated with fewer injuries, although we cannot quantify such a reduction,” lead researcher Katharine Ker, of the London School of Tropical Medicine, said in a news release from the journal’s publisher.

Bone drugs not linked to rare fractures

WASHINGTON, 13 May — A new study finds no association between the use of a popular class of osteoporosis medications known as bisphosphonates and an unusual type of thigh bone fracture.

Bisphosphonates include blockbuster drugs such as alendronate (Fosamax), risedronate (Actonel) andibandronate (Boniva).

The conclusions, appearing as a letter-to-the-editor in the May 13 issue of the New England Journal of Medicine, do little to settle an ongoing debate about whether or not these drugs cause this type of rare fracture.

A pharmaceutical-company sponsored study published in March in the same journal concluded that bisphosphonates did not boost people’s risk for this type of fracture, although prior studies had suggested they did.

That “very large,” said Dr. Kenneth A. Egel, chief of the Orthopaedic Trauma Service at New York University Hospital for Joint Diseases, “certainly can allay some fears regarding the drug.”

Working overtime links to heart attacks

BERLIN, 13 May — A new study has found that staff who regularly work over 10 or 11 hours a day are up to 60 percent more likely to suffer heart disease, media reported quoting Wednesday’s European Heart Journal.

Researchers who tracked 10,000 UK civil servants aged between 39 and 61 over 11 years found overtime workers were more prone to heart attacks and angina — even when factors such as age, weight and smoking were included.

The increased risk was linked to working between three and four hours extra a day on top of a normal seven-hour day.

The researchers said there could be a number of explanations for the possible link between overtime and heart problems. These include “hidden” high blood pressure that is not always picked up, stress, anxiety or depression, and being a “Type A” personality who is highly driven, aggressive or irritable.

“The association between long hours and coronary heart disease was independent of a range of risk factors that we measured at the start of the study, such as smoking, being overweight or having high cholesterol,” said Marianna Virtanen, who led the study at the Finnish Institute of Occupational Health in Helsinki and University College London.

Dr John Challenor, of the Society of Occupational Medicine, said: “This study confirms what we know — that work/life balance plays a vital role in well being.”

The ‘Reality’ of sex addiction stirs debate

WASHINGTON, 13 May— Compulsive sexual behavior can be a real problem in some people, causing them to engage in risky and self-destructive acts revolving around their libido, experts say.

The career of professional golfer Tiger Woods took a beating from revelations of cheating with as many as a dozen women. Former New York Mets general manager Steve Phillips was fired for his job as a baseball analyst on the ESPN network after a woman revealed sex tapes.

But are they, and others like them, suffering from an actual addiction?

Both Woods and Phillips have claimed they are, and both men sought treatment at sexual addiction programmes. Mental health professionals agree that some people indulge in uncontrollable and harmful sexual behavior and that they truly cannot help themselves.

They disagree, however, about whether this behavior constitutes a true addiction or is better characterized as some other sort of mental disorder. The new edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, the book considered the bible of psychiatry, will contain a new category of behavioral addictions — but sexual addiction will not be included in that category.

“There’s not enough empirical evidence to call sex an addiction at this point,” said Dr. Martin P. Kraft, an associate clinical professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School and a member of the task force that’s revising the manual. Therapists active in sexual addiction disagree.

“We’ve been treating sexual addiction for more than 20 years now,” said Douglas Weiss, a psychologist and executive director of the Heart to Heart Counseling Centre in Colorado Springs, Colo.

The Israeli researcher: happy marriage cuts male stroke risk

JERUSALEM, 13 May— Growing old together with a loving wife may be one key to lessening a man’s chance of dying from a stroke, according to a recent research of Tel Aviv University.

Professor Uri Goldbourt’s initial work at the Neufeld Cardiac Institute at the Sheba Medical Centre, points to a possible connection between marital “happiness” and the odds of suffering a lethal stroke.

The survey is based on data culled from 1963 through 1997 covering 10,059 Israeli male, middle-aged civil servants. It included information from the country’s national death registry and other records, using “clinical, biochemical, anthropometric, sociodemographic and psychosocial evaluations.”

Thirty-four years of follow-up polling showed that unmarried men and unhappy married ones were about 64 percent more likely to die from stroke than happy married men, Goldbourt said in a presentation before a recent session of the American Stroke Association.

The results were “very consistent with what we’re seeing in the United States,” according to Dr. Daniel Lackland of the Medical University of South Carolina.

Lackland, who was not involved in the study, said it “demonstrates the benefit of having a partner or somebody that’s there that can be supportive,” and noted that a spouse’s positive impact could include administering medication, making healthy food choices or even getting medical aid quickly in an emergency.

Xinhua

This undated photo provided by the US Consumer Product Safety Commission shows three sizes of ‘Best Friends’ charm bracelets, which were sold by Claire’s Boutiques. On , 10 May, 2010 the agency announced the recall of about 19,000 ‘Best Friends’ charm bracelets because of high levels of cadmium, which can harm the kidneys and bones and is a known carcinogen. Federal regulators are announcing another recall of children’s metal jewelry with high levels of the toxic metal cadmium, and say they’re expanding their investigation in an effort to keep to try to and keep dangerous items off store shelves in the first place.

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Kan sales tax hike cuts against state’s image

TOPEKA, 13 May—Come July, shoppers in Kansas will be handing over more money on every purchase because of a sales tax increase at odds with the state’s image as a conservative stronghold.

Even as Republicans from Kansas talk up lower taxes and smaller government in Congress, the GOP-led state Legislature approved the jump in sales tax from 5.3 percent to 6.3 percent that critics say makes Kansas more like California than its Midwestern neighbours.

Across the country, much of the talk has been about budget cuts as states try to wrestle their spending down to balance out lower revenues. After severe reductions last year, Kansas lawmakers were hearing concern from many voters about preserving schools as districts began discussing program cuts and staff layoffs.

“No one likes the thought of paying more taxes, but with the current economic situation, some type of tax increase seems inevitable,” said grocer Mark Fillmore, whose family has owned the M&M Market in Belle Plaine for three generations. He said any reasonable person knows schools need the money.—Internet

Microsoft looks to ‘cloud’ with Office 2010

NEW YORK, 13 May—Microsoft released the latest update to its popular Office software on Wednesday including a Web-hosted version aimed at countering competition from emerging “cloud” products offered by Google.

Office 2010, which was unveiled at a launch event here, features updates to the ubiquitous spreadsheet, email, presentation and word processing programmes used by tens of millions of businesses: Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint and Word.

For the new version of Office, the first since 2007, Microsoft is offering Office Web Apps — online versions of its most popular products which work directly in a Web browser and are hosted on servers in the “cloud” instead of on personal computers.

While Microsoft dominates the workplace and claims over 500 million Office users worldwide, the move is seen as a response to the challenge posed by Google and others offering free online cloud-computing programs.—Internet

Oil falls to near $75 on weak US crude demand

SINGAPORE, 13 May—Oil prices fell to near $75 a barrel on Thursday in Asia as traders mulled signs of tepid US crude demand against growing consumption in developing economies.

Benchmark crude for June delivery was down 27 cents to $75.38 a barrel at midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The June contract lost 72 cents to settle at $75.65 on Wednesday.

Crude inventories keep rising, defying analyst predictions that a recovering US economy would boost demand.

The Energy Information Administration said on Wednesday that oil supplies increased more than expected last week as stockpiles grew for 14 of the last 15 weeks.—Internet

Asia shares rise on Europe, IBM; euro wobbles

HONG KONG, 13 May—Asian stocks rose on Thursday as fresh austerity measures promised by Spain and Portugal gave investors hope that Europe’s debt crisis can be contained, while IBM’s strong profit forecast gave a further boost to tech shares.

The euro struggled near 14-month lows, however, on worries that steep government spending cuts in parts of Europe would drag on the region’s already feeble economic growth.

Doubts about the euro’s long-term viability and worries about inflation continued to spur a flight into gold, which shot to a fresh record for a second day in a row. The jump to $1,248.15 an ounce brought gold’s gains to nearly 20 percent since early February. Spain said on Wednesday it will slash civil service pay and cut public jobs while Portugal’s finance minister told Reuters his government had identified new austerity measures to reduce its budget deficit, offering investors some reassurances that those countries are addressing their deep-rooted fiscal problems. While worries remain that Greece and other governments will not be able to deliver on deeply unpopular spending cuts, there were signs that recent strains in global money markets were easing, further buoying investor confidence.—Internet
优势 also represents an important national duty of the nation. The establishment of village libraries generates a variety of benefits such as rural folks, old and young — having easy access to publications; gaining knowledge; being able to distinguish between right and wrong; spending valuable time in a beneficial way; becoming more polite and upright; and bringing about reliable people for the nation. In addition, establishment of libraries is a national duty for building a modern, developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

The Ministry of Information is in pursuit of ensuring sustainable development of the libraries in line with the five programmes as follows:-
- to organize rural people to cultivate a good habit of reading,
- to keep the publications for their durability, and to raise funds to increase the number of the publications,
- to get a land and a building for a library,
- to furnish libraries,
- to bring about skilled librarians, and form library committees.

With a growing number of libraries that meet the five work programmes, rural residents will have greater knowledge. So, libraries will enable the people to practise democracy effectively.

Moreover, a plan has been laid down to form community learning centres by providing Internet access for self-reliant village libraries. Therefore, establishment of self-reliant village libraries not only widens the horizons of country people, but also represents an important national duty of building a modern, developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

Today, the government and the ministry are planning to build Rural Library Foundation to contribute towards the tasks for sustainable development of self-reliant village libraries, and render necessary assistance. The lofty aim of the foundation is to enable the village libraries to possess the five standards in order to build a life-long learning Myanmar society, and to ensure their sustainable development.

In compliance with the instructions of the Minister for Information, service personnel of the Information and Public Relations Department are trying in conformity with the five programmes for sustainable development of the village libraries. In the process, to produce skilled librarians plays a key role. Therefore, IPRD offices are conducting courses to nurture ward clerks to bring about competent libraries of self-reliant village libraries.

Translation: MS
Minister looks into training schools, lake in Ayeyawady Div

NAY PSI TAW, 13 May—To uplift livelihoods of the local women, the Education and Training Department under the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs is conducting the Advanced Tailoring Special Course No. 2 and the Basic Vocation Special Course No. 4 in Labutta on 9 May.

Local authorities, departments, wellwishers manage supply of drinking water to people in Yangon and Bago Divs, Shan States (North) and (South)

NAY PSI TAW, 13 May—Due to abnormal levels of heat, lakes were dried up in Yangon Division, and local people are facing shortage of drinking water. Local authorities, Kyaunkto Township Development Affairs Committee, social organizations and wellwishers donated drinking water to the local people of six wards in Kyaunkto with the use of six water bowser.

Residents of Bago, Waw, Thanatpin and Kawa towns are facing water scarcity. Under the supervision of Bago Division DAC, the local authorities, Township DAC, social organizations and wellwishers donated drinking water to the local people.

A total of 12,000 gallons of drinking water from Mingala Lake of Waw Township DAC was supplied to 2,683 households of 23 villages in Taw Township from 5 to 8 May. As of 24 April, drinking water has been supplied to nine villages of Thanatpin Township. On 6 May, six private water bowser supplied water to the local people.

Bago Township DAC managed to supply 26,400 gallons of drinking water from tube-wells of Bago Township DAC, Mazin Dam and private wells to five villages of Bago Township, four villages of Thanatpin Township, two villages of Taw Township and one village of Kawa Township with the use of five water bowser, from 8 to 12 May.

Lakes, wells and artisan wells were dried out in Inma region of Thogen Township. The local people faced shortage of water. Under the supervision of Bago Division (West) DAC, Thogen Township DAC joined hands with the local authorities and social organizations in supplying drinking water to the local people.

Yesterday, Thogen Township DAC supplied water to 1,331 houses of villages by water bowser. The committee pumped water from the artisan wells to supply it to the local people.

Lashio Township Development Affairs Committee sinking tube-well with contributions of local authorities and wellwishers.—MNA

MH issues notifications on steps to be taken against high temperatures

NAY PSI TAW, 13 May—Some people in Magway and Mandalay Divisions were hospitalized due to high temperatures, which also caused loss of lives.

Alongside 11 people in wards and villages in Taungdwingyi, Magway Division, received treatments at Taungdwingyi Township People’s Hospital till 12 May. Of them, seven— one in 3 May, one in 4 May, one in 5 May, three in 7 May and one in 10 May—were dead. The remaining four are under treatment.

In NyaungU Township of Mandalay Division, 14 people fell ill and sick due to excessive heat and are being admitted to NyaungU District People’s Hospital where they are being provided with medical attention by medical superintendent, doctors and nurses. There is no loss of life.

Ministry of Health has issued notifications on absolute steps to be taken against the impact of high temperature through TV, radio, newspapers and journals on a daily basis. But, there were unnecessary losses of lives as some failed to follow the notifications. Thus, the authorities concerned have reminded the people to pay serious heed to the notifications.

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**Diplomatic relations established between the Union of Myanmar and the Republic of Fiji**

_**NAY PYI TAW, 14 May**_—The Union of Myanmar and the Republic of Fiji desirous of establishing friendly relations and mutually beneficial cooperation on the basis of the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and norms of International Law in accordance with the Vienna Conventions on Diplomatic Relations and on Consular Relations, decided to establish diplomatic relations between the two countries at Ambassadorial level effect from 10 May, 2010. The Joint Communiqué on the agreement to establish diplomatic relations between the Union of Myanmar and the Republic of Fiji was signed by the Permanent Representative of the Union of Myanmar to the United Nations and the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Fiji to the United Nations in New York on 10 May, 2010.

Myanmar has been making efforts to expand diplomatic relations with countries all over the world and the Republic of Fiji has become the 101st country with which Myanmar has established diplomatic relations.

**Strong winds, heavy rains cause loss and damage in some States, Divisions**

_**NAY PYI TAW, 13 May**_—In recent days, it was learnt that loss and damage was caused by strong winds and heavy rains in some States and Divisions.

On 9 May, strong winds and heavy rains blew off roofs of 64 houses, two schools and some buildings in Loisawnghtauk Ward, destroyed 34 houses in Wamkan Ward and 15 houses and some buildings in Kommyinttha Ward of Mongshu Township.

On 11 May afternoon, roofs of some houses were blown off, trees broken, lamp-posts fall down and roofs of primary schools and some building collapsed in Macoakham, Hsammsai (B) and Wamkaung wards of Tachilek due to strong winds and heavy rains. On 11 May, strong winds blew off roofs of some schools in Bawlakhe Township.

Yesterday, strong winds blew off roofs of 12 houses, school and some buildings in Kaungton Village of Bhamo Township. Likewise, roofs of houses, school and some buildings were blown off by strong winds and heavy rains in Pyingyi, Upper Kwinhla, Kyartaik, and Ywathahla villages of Padaung Township yesterday afternoon.

**Union Election Commission Meeting 30/2010 held**

_**NAY PYI TAW, 13 May**_—The meeting 30/2010 of the Union Election Commission was held at the meeting hall of the office of the Union Election Commission, here, this morning, attended by Chairman of Union Election Commission U Thein Soe and all commission members. First, Chairman of Union Election Commission U Thein Soe made an opening address. Next, applications for political parties registration were scrutinized and matters on elections were discussed at the meeting. The meeting came to an end with the concluding remarks by the commission chairman.

**Chairman of Union Election Commission U Thein Soe speaking at UEC Meeting 30/2010.**

**RECEPTION HELD: The reception to mark the European Union Day was held at Chatrimum Hotel in Yangon on 13 May evening.**

Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Aye Myint Kyu is being welcomed by Ambassador of EU to the Union of Myanmar Mr David Lipman at the reception.—MNA

**7th SEA U-18 Men’s Basketball Championship 5-9 July**

**YANGON, 13 May**—A press meet on hosting 7th SEA U-18 Men’s Basketball Championship 2010, organized by the Ministry of Sports and Myanmar Basketball Federation under the supervision of Myanmar Olympic Committee, at Western Parkroyal at Kandawgyi Park, here, this morning. Vice-President of the federation U Myint Thein made an opening address, and Secretary U Maung Myint explained facts about the championship. Joint-Secretary U Kyaw Kyaw Win also explained the fund-raising matter. Officials replied to the queries raised by journalists.

Athletes from Myanmar, the Philippines, Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore and Laos will take part in the championship to be held at the National Indoor Stadium-1 in Thuwunna from 5 to 9 July.—MNA
Angola records eight million
mobilephone users

LUANDA, 13 May—
The number of mobile-
phone users in Angola has
mushroomed from 30 to
some 8 million after the
market liberalization in the
1990s, the Director of
Angola’s Telecommuni-
cations Pedro Mendes
de Carvalho said here on
Monday.

The growth of mobile
subscribers, in particular,
fits the government’s goals
which is intended to offer
services of good quality,
good price and benefiting
all regions of the country,
the official told reporters
on the sidelines of a meeting
of experts of telecom-
communications, mail and
information technology
and communication from
the Southern African
Development Community
(SADC), Angola’s official
Anopg news agency
reported.

Pedro de Carvalho
expressed optimism in the
event, which precede a
meeting of SADC
ministers, addresses stra-
tegies that will lead to the
positive impacts on behalf
of citizens in the region in
terms of telecom-
communications.

He said Angola would
make proposals on the
technological development
and innovation from analog
to digital television and
communications, the protection
of the consumers’ rights who use
the telecommunication services in Angola and
elsewhere in the region.

Singapore enhances public
sector infocom projects

SINGAPORE, 13 May—
Singapore has lined up
about 350 new infocom projects for the public sector
this financial year, local media reported on Tuesday.

According to the TV broadcaster Channel News
Asia, the projects to be tendered will be worth 1.1
billion Singapore dollars (799.37 million US dollars).

Some of the projects include the redevelopment of
eCitizen Portal to facilitate individuals and business
to receive correspondences from government agencies,
and the enhancement of business intelligence
capabilities to analyze information through the use of
business analytics tools.

Singapore’s Infocomm Development
Authority (IDA), the agency in charge of IT for the government,
said that the actual infocom tenders in the last financial year added up to about 1.2 billion Singapore
dollars (872.04 million US dollars).

Five dead as tornadoes rip
through southern plains

NORMAN, 13 May—
Tornadoes ripped through the Southern Plains on
Monday as storms that killed five people and
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Residents Ryshele, left, and Ivanhoe Coleman,
center, walk with their daughter Rikki, right,
after a tornado struck the area on
10 May, 2010.—INTERNET

Photo taken on 7 May, 2010 shows the natural beauty of Sand Lake in
Yinchuan, capital of northwest China’s Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region.
Sand Lake is one of the best places for bird watching in China. Nearly 200
species and over one million birds inhabit in the area. Every spring and
autumn, over one million birds stop at Sand Lake.

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Bruce Lee biopic to be shot in June

BEIJING, 13 May — A biopic about Bruce Lee will mark the 70th anniversary of the late action hero’s birth on November 27 of this year, M1905.com reports. Filming of “Bruce Lee” is expected to begin at the end of next month, the report says. It is slated for release before 27 November. The film will tell Bruce Lee’s pre-stardom story. Hong Kong-based singer-turned-actor Aarif Lee will play young Bruce. Aarif Lee was named Best Newcomer at this year’s Hong Kong Film Awards in April for his performance in the family drama “Echoes of the Rainbow.” — Internet

Philip Morris forced to incinerate 20 million cigarettes in Finland

HELSINKI, 13 May—Tobacco company Philip Morris was forced to destroy 20 million cigarettes because of a new law requiring that all cigarettes sold in the country be self-extinguishing, local media reported on Thursday.

According to the report, 20 million cigarettes were burned under the supervision of Finnish Customs in Riihimaki, some 70 kilometers north of Helsinki. The cigarettes had a retail value of five million euros (6.35 million US dollars). Philip Morris Finland said the incineration resulted in a significant financial loss for the company. From April 1, 2010, Finland became the first country in Europe to require the self-extinguishing standard. Cigarettes that fail the new standard were banned thereafter. — Xinhua

Man makes up robbery to get ride home

The Charles County sheriff’s office said a man called 911 and made up a story about being robbed so that he could get a ride home. Authorities said they were called to Hawthorne Road near Manor Drive in Ripley for a reported armed robbery on Thursday. The man told officers that he had been walking on Route 225 when a car stopped and someone put a gun to his head and demanded money. The man claimed to have complied and the suspects fled.

But as officers searched the area and noticed inconsistencies in his account, the man admitted fabricating the robbery story because he wanted a ride home. He said his cell phone was out of minutes and 911 was the only number he could still call.

Officials say charges against the man are pending.

Lebanese chefs celebrate around the largest plate of hummus after setting a new Guinness world record in Beirut. Lebanese on Saturday claimed another victory in the continuing battle with Israel over which country can make the largest plate of the chickpea delicacy hummus — with a 10-tonne broadside.

Dialing for trouble

A 43-year-old man in Xianyang, Shaanxi Province was arrested last week for sneaking 1,800 yuan (264 US dollars) worth of phone calls at a neighbouring company’s expense in order to call his teenage Internet girlfriend.

The man, surnamed ‘Zhang,’ had fallen in love with a high school girl via a networking site. The two called each other so often that Zhang couldn’t afford the increasingly expensive phone bills, so in order to keep the tele-romance alive he strung a phone line from the manager’s office of a neighbouring company, ‘Xi’an Tianyu Concrete, to his room.

Thieves abandon Malaysian top cop’s car; say sorry

Malaysian police have recovered a car stolen from a top officer with a note from the thieves inside saying, “Sorry police, wrong target.” Police officer Arjunaiad Mohamed said the car belonging to the police chief of central Selangor state was found Saturday in a parking space on the outskirts of Kuala Lumpur. On its dashboard was the handwritten note.

Arjunaiad said on Sunday that only the door lock on the Proton Perdana was damaged.

The car, which did not have a police logo, was stolen on Thursday near a restaurant where the police chief’s driver had stopped to have breakfast.

Russian bombers spend 12 hours over the Pacific

MOSCOW, 13 May— Two Russian long-range bombers Tu-95SM completed their patrol mission that lasted 12 hours, Interfax news agency reported on Wednesday.

The bombers were patrolling the neutral airspace over the Pacific ocean and Sea of Japan as a part of routine air forces activity.

“Russian bombers were followed by Japanese and South Korean fighters F-2, F-15 and F-16,” a Russian Defence Ministry spokesman told the Interfax news agency.

The strategic bombers were also joined by two Russian multipurpose fighters Su-27. — Xinhua

Peru moms celebrate their day in the boxing ring

Forget brunch. Sports promoters in a Peruvian city are honouring their mothers by inviting them to slip on gloves and head protectors and try to punch each other’s lights out.

Sunday’s Mothers Day bouts took place in a grassy, makeshift ring in Huancayo, at 10,500 feet (3,200 metres) above sea level.

Ten women took a day off from farm work to spar in three-round bouts while clad in “polleras,” the colourful, embroidered skirts typical of the Andean region.

Some were knocked down by powerful blows, but quickly got back up.

Promoters said the success of Peruvian boxer Kina Malpartida, the current world super flyweight champion, is inspiring women in Junin state to take up the sport.
To Take Fire Preventive Measures

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**

**MV BANG SAO TONG VOY NO (129)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV BANG SAO TONG VOY NO (129) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 13.5.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claim Day.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT**

**MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY**

**AGENT FOR: M/S WONGSAMUT OCEAN SHIPPING CO. LTD**

Phone No: 256916/256919/256921

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**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**

**MV MILLENIUM VOY NO (07/10)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV MILLENIUM VOY NO (07/10) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 14.5.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W1 where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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**MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY**

**AGENT FOR: M/S KM INTERTRANS**

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**Family killed as home swallowed up by giant sinkhole in Quebec**

OTTAWA, 13 May — The earth opened up and swallowed a family of four in their home in Canada as they watched ice hockey on TV. The bodies of Richard and Lynn Prefontaine and their daughters, Amelie, 11, and Anais, 9, were found in the basement of their two-storey house in Saint-Jude, Quebec. Only the green roof of the property was visible after the disaster. The family’s golden retriever, Foxy, was found safe outside teth-ered to a tree in the mud.

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British unemployment rate remains at 8% in three months to March

LONDON, 13 May—The unemployment rate in Britain for the three months to last March remained at 8.0 percent, but still the highest level since the three months to September 1996, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) reported on Wednesday.

The report showed that the number of unemployed people in Britain increased by 53,000 in the three months to March over the previous quarter to 2.51 million, the highest figure since the three months to December 1994. The number of people unemployed for more than twelve months also increased by 94,000 over the quarter and reached 757,000, the highest since the three months to May 1997.

However, the number of people unemployed for up to six months fell by 52,000 to 1.21 million in the three months to March.

The unemployment rate for the three months to March 2010 was 7.20 percent, down by 0.3 percentage points over the previous quarter and it has not been lower since the three months to September 1996.

Brazil detains NY passenger with guns in luggage

CAIRO, 13 May—Police detained an American-Egyptian man who arrived in Cairo on a flight from New York with firearms in his luggage, airport officials said Wednesday.

The officials said the man was taken into custody as he tried to pass through customs with a metal box containing two 9 mm handguns, 250 bullets, several swords, daggers and knives.

The box had been checked and the contents were discovered during a routine inspection upon arrival on an Egypt Air flight from New York’s JFK International Airport in Cairo, according to the officials. They said customs inspectors were then alerted and the man was detained.

He was only identified as a botany teacher.

The US Transportation Security Administration confirmed the man had two firearms in the suitcase and ammunition.

The agency said in a statement on Wednesday that transporting firearms in checked baggage within the US is permitted if declared to the airline, but noted that other countries have different laws on the transportation and possession of firearms.

A police official confirmed the man was questioned by agents of the State Security Apparatus and the case had been turned over to prosecutors for further investigation.

All officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they are not authorized to speak to reporters.

Four people killed in Macedonia shootout

SKOPJE, 13 May—Four people have been killed in a shootout in a northern Macedonian village in the early hours of Wednesday morning, police said.

Police spokesman Ivo Kotevski said that police forces exchanged fires with an armed group near the village of Radusa on Macedonia’s border with Kosovo at about three o’clock in the morning.

He said police tried to stop a van under suspicion near the village about 10 kilometres north of the capital of Skopje. The van refused to stop and the people inside the car started to shoot at police.

Police returned fire and killed four men. A large amount of weapons and explosives were found in the van. No police casualties were reported.

Greek cargo ship with 24 crew members seized by Somali pirates

ATHENS, 13 May—Somali pirates seized on Wednesday a Greek cargo ship sailing with Libyan flag in the Gulf of Aden, the Greek Coast Guard said on Wednesday.

The ship, Eleni P, with a 24 member crew aboard, was sailing from Ukraine to China carrying iron, according to unconfirmed sources.

The cargo ship reportedly belongs to the Greek company Eurolines and has Greek and Philippine seamen on board.

Somali pirates hijack Bulgarian chemical tanker

NAIROBI, 13 May—Somali pirates have hijacked a Bulgarian chemical tanker carrying a crew of 15, all Bulgarians, in the pirate-infested Gulf of Aden, the European Union Naval Force said on Wednesday.

The naval force said in a statement that the Bulgarian-flagged tanker, the MV Panega, was seized about 100 nautical miles east of Aden, Yemen, en route from the Red Sea to India.

“As long as the pirates are on board of the ship, we are just monitoring the situation,” said Anders Kallin, a Swedish navy commander for the EU naval force. He said he had no reason to believe that anyone had been hurt.

The force’s Operation Atalanta focuses on escorting merchant vessels carrying humanitarian aid for the World Food Programme and those of the African Union Mission in Somalia, protecting vessels in the Gulf of Aden and the Indian Ocean, and deterring and disrupting piracy.
Sports

Celtics stun Cavs, take 3-2 lead in series

CLEVELAND, 13 May—His team down by 27 points and a promising season suddenly in peril, LeBron James walked off the floor to a smattering of boos and rows of empty seats.

If this was goodbyes, it wasn’t the send-off he imagined.

The Boston Celtics have pushed the two-time MVP and the Cavaliers dangerously close to an early start to the Summer.

Ray Allen scored 25 points, Rajon Rondo scored all of his 16 in the second half and the Celtics, once thought too old to challenge for another title, beat James and the Cavs 120-88 in Game 5 on Tuesday night to move within one win of knocking the league’s top team from the playoffs.

Atletico wins Europa League

HAMBURG, 13 May—Diego Forlan scored his second goal of the game with four minutes remaining in overtime, giving Atletico Madrid a 2-1 victory over Fulham on Wednesday night in the first Europa League final.

Clint Dempsey became the first American to play in a European club soccer final when he entered in the 55th minute in place of Bobby Zamora. A day earlier, the 27-year-old from Nacogdoches, Texas, was selected for the 30-man provisional US World Cup roster.

Forlan put Atletico ahead in the 32nd minute when he redirected a missed shot by teammate Sergio Agüero, but Simon Davies tied the score five minutes later with a right-footed volley.

Fulham, a small London club, was trying for the first major trophy in its 131-year history. Its only good match. It had everything — good control, two lovely goals and opportunities that we could have taken,” said Puel.—INTERNET

Nadal, Murray pleased after opening Madrid tennis wins

MADRID, 13 May—Former champions Rafael Nadal and Andy Murray both booked their passage to the third round of the Madrid Masters on Wednesday as the countdown to Roland Garros began to heat up.

Nadal took the first step towards a third clay title this season by defeating Ukrainian qualifier Oleksandr Dolgopolov 6-4, 6-3.

Murray, seeded third and desperate to start turning a so-so season on clay, beat Juan Ignacio Chela for the fourth time in a row, earning a 6-3, 6-3 opening victory after a bye in the first round.—INTERNET

Paquiao ready to fight

MANILA, 13 May—World boxing champion Manny Pacquiao said on Wednesday he was finally ready to fight Floyd Mayweather for the last professional bout of his career and potentially the richest in history.

Pacquiao made the announcement about the potential Mayweather clash, which US promoter Bob Arum said could take place on November 13 in Texas or Las Vegas, after winning a seat in the Philippine parliament.—INTERNET

World boxing champion Manny Pacquiao, pictured, has announced that he was ready to fight Floyd Mayweather.

Hosts S Africa add Fransman to World Cup squad

JOHANNESBURG, 13 May—Hosts South Africa on Wednesday added Israel-based defender Bevan Fransman to a preliminary World Cup squad they named last month.

There are no other changes to the original 29-strong list released by Brazilian coach Carlos Alberto Parreira 13 days ago for the 11 June -1 July tournament.

Fransman, a tall, 26-year-old native of Cape Town who plays for Maccabi Netanya, owes his call-up to an injury which ruled out Morgan Gould from champions Super-Sport United.

Gould has been sidelined since February, and Parreira said the South African Premiership star would not be ready for a challenging Group A schedule against Mexico, Uruguay and France. Coach of the 1994 Brazil World Cup-winning team, Parreira has five central defenders and one is likely to drop out by 1 June when the 32 qualifiers must cut their squads to 23 players.—INTERNET

South African national football team coach Carlos Alberto Parreira, seen here on 15 April. Hosts South Africa added Bevan Fransman to a preliminary World Cup squad they named last month.—INTERNET

Lyons close on Champions League place

PARIS, 13 May—Lyon took a big step towards Champions League qualification for next season by beating Monaco 3-0 on Wednesday.

Goals either side of half-time from Miralem Pjanic and Bafetimbi Gomis and a late strike by Lisandro Lopez, secured a comfortable victory for Claude Puel’s side over the beaten French Cup finalists. Lyon, who lost to Bayern Munich in the semi-finals of this season’s Champions League, are now third in the table, a point behind second-placed Lille and a point above Auxerre.

With the top three qualifying for the Champions League, Lyon can make sure of a place in Europe’s top club competition with victory at home to already-relegated Le Mans on the season’s final day on Saturday. “It was a

This multiplex image shows Spanish Rafael Nadal serving to Ukrainian Oleksandr Dolgopolov during their match of the Madrid Masters. Nadal won 6-4, 6-3.—INTERNET

Maradona omits Zanetti and Cambiasso

BUENOS AIRES, 13 May—Inter Milan pair Javier Zanetti and Esteban Cambiasso will not feature at the 2010 World Cup after they were left out of Diego Maradona’s provisional 30-man squad on Wednesday.

Right-back Zanetti and holding midfielder Cambiasso have played key roles in Inter’s run to the Champions League final this season and both have been important figures for Argentina in the past. Former captain Zanetti has won 136 caps, while 44-cap Cambiasso scored a memorable goal for Argentina against Serbia and Montenegro at the 2006 World Cup in Germany.

Real Madrid midfielder Fernando Gago, Barcelona centre-back Gabriel Milito and Marbella playmaker Lucho Gonzalez were also overlooked, but the squad remains full of talent, including current European Player of the Year Lionel Messi and Gago’s Real teammate Gonzalo Higuain.—INTERNET

Woods says he has inflammation of neck joint

ORLANDO, 13 May—Tiger Woods said tests on Wednesday showed an inflamed neck joint that causes pain and makes it hard to turn his head, an injury that will require little more than medicine, massages and rest.

Woods had an MRI that revealed inflammation in a facet joint of his neck. He said on his website that when facet joints are inflamed, it causes pain in the area along with headaches and difficulty rotating the head.

He withdrew from the final round of The Players Championship on Sunday.—INTERNET
Iraqi officials: seven killed in Sadr City bombing

BAGHDAD, 13 May – A bomb in a parked car ripped through a Sadr City neighbourhood on Wednesday evening, killing seven young people who had gathered at a nearby cafe to drink tea and play dominoes, Iraqi officials said. The attack comes just days after a string of shootings and bombings convulsed the country in Iraq’s worst violence so far this year. The violence appears designed to stir up sectarian tensions at a time when Iraq still has no new government after inconclusive parliamentary elections and as US troops prepare to go home.

Police and hospital officials said the blast took place near a popular cafe where young people were gathered. —Xinhua

WEATHER

Thursday, 13th May, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain or thunder showers have been scattered in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division isolated in Shan and Mon States, Sagaing Mandalay, Magway and Bago Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Day temperatures were (0°C) to (5°C) above May average temperatures in Chin Rakhine and Eastern Shan States, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions, (6°C) to (8°C) above May average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Mynmar (47.0°C) Myingyan (46.5°C), Morywa (45.7°C), Magway (45.5°C), Mandalay (45.0°C) and NyaungU (44.8°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Machanaw (0.59) inch, Putao (0.55) inch, Thayawady (0.43) inch, Nay Pyi Taw (Leve) (0.31) C and Dwayne (0.16) inch.

Maximum temperature on 12-5-2010 was 108°F. Minimum temperature on 13-5-2010 was 83°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 13-5-2010 was 62%. Total sun shine hours on 12-5-2010 was (10.2) hours.

Rainfall on 13-5-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (27) m.p.h from Southwest at (12:30) hours MST on 12-5-2010.

Bay Inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman sea and South Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 14th May 2010: Weather will be partly cloudy in Kayah and Kayin States, Magway, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and rain or thunder showers are likely to be isolated in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of continuation of rain or thunder showers in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 14-5-2010: Likelihood of isolated rain or thunder showers in the afternoon or evening. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 14-5-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 14-5-2010: Likelihood of isolated rain or thunder showers in the afternoon or evening. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful
Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
Riots beget riots, not democracy
Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People’s Desire
- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Local authorities, departments, wellwishers donate drinking water to some regions of Ayeyawady Div, Rakhine and Mon States facing shortage of water

NAY PYI TAW, 13 May—Under the management of the government, the local authorities, departments concerned, non-governmental organizations and local people are making concerted efforts for supply of sufficient water to the residents of the regions facing shortage of water.

Myint Myat Alin group and North Monastery Sayadaw of Pyinkhayaing Village joined hands in supplying 25,000 gallons of drinking water with the use of small trucks, motorboats and trawlers to Phonedawpway, Chaungwa, Pyaingkhayaing, Alethaung, Thayachau, Phoesoegyi, Ortwin, Kyankala, Didaung, Phaya, Ye and Kyonku villages of Ngapadaw Township as of 28 April. They also donated 1500 gallons of drinking water to Magybin, Thongwa, Ahtetpyun and Aukpyun villages in Ngapadaw Township with the use of trawlers yesterday.

The significant day temperatures (13-5-2010)

- Myinmu 47.0° C
- Myingyan 46.5° C
- Monywa 45.7° C
- Magway 45.5° C
- Mandalay 45.0° C
- NyaungU 44.8° C

New research suggests that children with Williams Syndrome—who have unusually friendly natures because they lack the sense of fear that the rest of us feel in many social situations—lack the proclivity to stereotype others based on their race.—INTERNET

The social organizations in Pathein donated 2000 gallons of drinking water to the households on Ohmamandani 1st, 2nd and 16th streets in Ward 14 of Pathein and Panhet Road yesterday. Beginning 10 May, the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism managed supply of drinking water to the people of Pyapon with the use of 2600-gallon-capacity water tankers four times a day.

Wellwishers and members of Thandwe Township Union Solidarity and Development Association donated drinking water to residents of Dwarawady Ward 3, 4, 6, and 7, Muzin and Kyunpinsaung villages of Thandwe Township by water bowers daily.

Wellwishers and departments supply water from Wapa Dam to the people of Th chinon, Nankke, Aukkyin and Leikkyin wards of Thaton. A total of 22,680 gallons of water were supplied to the people with the use of 36 trucks yesterday. Wellwishers also donated 20,500 gallons of drinking water to residents of extended ward, Yandanywa, Ye and Zoktalisa villages of Kyakto Township yesterday.

Likewise, social organizations, departments and wellwishers supplied 30,000 gallons of water to Kinchaung, Kadonpaw, Wegali and other villages of Mudon Township yesterday. A total of 17,200 gallons of water were supplied to Yangyi, Danitaw and Yanmoe villages of Ye with the use of water tankers. Yesterday, wellwishers of Kalawt Village of Chaungzon Township donated drinking water to the people of Kanyaw, Mudun, Daukya and Kawnpun villages of Chaungzon Township with the use of 10 small trucks. Similarly, the wellwishers from Ywaluk, Welan, Kalyaw, Chaungzon East and West Wards donated drinking water to Nathmaw, Hehealakwamaik and Tawkan villages of the township.—MNA